No bullets in body

Doctors initially 'at a loss'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Doctors initially were "at a loss to explain" why they could not find a bullet in the body of John F. Kennedy or a wound where a bullet had left the body, according to the official FBI report on the autopsy released Wednesday.

But evidence turned up in Dallas while the autopsy was under way at Bethesda Naval Hospital explained the missing bullets, the report said.

The fact no intact bullet was found in Kennedy's body has been used by assassination conspiracy advocates as evidence there could have been a second assassin, since no bullet causing death could be traced to Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle.

X-rays of Kennedy's head taken at Bethesda during the autopsy showed approximately 40 particles of disintegrated bullet but no exit wound for the remainder of the disintegrated bullet.

Then a search was made of the rest of the body for other wounds and a complete bullet.

"Inasmuch as no complete bullet of any size could be located in the brain area and likewise no bullet could be located in the back or any other area of the body and inspection revealed no point of exit, the individuals performing the autopsy were at a loss to explain why they could find no bullets," the report said.

The report said a bullet reportedly had been found on a stretcher in the emergency room at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, where Kennedy died.

When the doctors were informed a bullet had been found in the Dallas hospital, they concluded it could have "worked it's way back out" of Kennedy's body via the point of entry when cardiac massage had been performed.

But the report said the FBI could not prove Kennedy was ever on the stretcher on which the bullet was found.

Later, part of Kennedy's skull was found in Kennedy's car in Dallas and was delivered to Bethesda while the autopsy already was in progress. This section contained metal fragments which could be an indication of an exit point, doctors said.

Fragments of bullets also were found on the car's floor.

Based on these "later developments" the doctors concluded:

"One bullet had entered the president's back and had worked its way out of the body during external cardiac massage and that a second high velocity bullet had entered the rear of the skill and had fragmentized prior to exit through the top of the skull."

Leak source apparently not found

WASHINGTON (UPI) — FBI investigators looking into the source of leaks from the Warren Commission found chaotic record-keeping within the commisson and five possible sources of one leak, including Gerald R. Ford, according to FBI documents released Wednesday.

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Subsequently, the agency cleared Ford and no source of the leak apparently was ever pinpointed.

Investigators said they found "a complete lack of organization within the commission concerning the handling of records. There was found to be no document control whatever and no accountability for documents, classified or not."

The commission asked for the investigation on Sept. 10, 1964, after Oswald's diary, Ruby's lie detector test and Ruby's interview with Chief Justice Warren all were were leaked to the press.

THE REPORT said the late Dorothy Kilgallen, then a reporter for the old New York Journal-American, had been leaked a copy of Ruby's interview with Warren. They said in one report they talked to Miss Kilgallen and found the transcript she obtained was stamped "confidential."

"The five copies bearing the 'confidential' notation were distributed within the commission to Norman Redlich, legal consultant; Sen. Richard B. Russell, commission member; Burt W. Griffin, legal consultant; retained for use of commission staff; and Congressman Gerald R. Ford, a commission member," the FBI report said.

Agents said Miss Kilgallen refused to tell them the source of her copy.

Another document reports FBI investigators looked into another allegation that Ford was responsible for leaking Oswald's diary.

"THIS ALLEGATION was completely erroneous," the report said.

Investigators subsequently said the copy obtained by Miss Kilgallen did not appear to be from Ford, Redlich, Russell, or was the original transcript itself. They said they could reach no conclusion as to whether it might have come from one of four copies held by the staff or by Joe Tonahill, one of Ruby's Dallas lawyers.

How about FBI as source?